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Exhibit # IX.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Angela R. Faherty, Ph.D., Commissioner*

DATE: March 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Federal Qualified School Construction Bond Program

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities. Maine has a 2010 QSCB balance of \$36,452,171 available for allocation to school units.

Fifteen school administrative units submitted QSCB applications to the Department during the current application cycle requesting bonding authority. The Department has completed its review of the applications and verified that the school units on the accompanying list and their proposed projects meet the criteria of using bond proceeds for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QSCB applications for projects in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Lisbon, Madawaska, Millinocket, Westbrook, RSU 18, RSU 22/MSAD 22, RSU 23, RSU 34, RSU 74/MSAD 74, AOS 92/Waterville, AOS 97/Fayette and AOS 97/Winthrop and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2011 QSCB Recommended Approvals." The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2011 is \$33,017,993.

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